

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to good. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate with boneless skinless breast in the better balance. Leg items were at least adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Apr. 12, 2003

	FOOD SERVICE/		RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
	FAST FOOD				
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	----	
Total (000)	23,134	29,678	38,638		91,450
Percentage	25%	32 %	44%		101 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,550	3.88
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,980	7.63
3.81 – 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	5,704	6.24
4.01 – 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>6,900</u>	<u>7.55</u>
		23,134	25.30

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

BROILER EGG SETS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER Slaughter										
Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Feb 22	203,562	96	164,979	97	203,451	98	164,413	97	147,355	97
Mar 01	205,205	98	164,349	97	200,256	96	162,132	96	148,405	101
Mar 08	205,590	98	163,738	95	201,092	97	163,604	97	151,538	102
Mar 15	204,317	98	167,396	97	204,119	99	166,045	99	151,337	100
Mar 22	204,902	98	169,014	99	203,492	99	166,420	101	153,022	101
Mar 29	204,138	98	169,261	99	202,802	99	164,887	100	152,814	100
Apr 05	207,900	98	167,672	99	204,707	99	165,871	99	156,255	102
Apr 12	209,026	99	169,038	100	203,905	98	164,469	96	152,185	97
Apr 19	208,793	99	166,755	99	202,772	97	163,548	97	144,469	95

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 04/28/03				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed _____	50 – 53	52.36	52.24	46.15
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed _____	47 – 50	50.09	50.37	45.52
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed _____	69	67.59	67.56	64.28
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		58.10	57.61	53.84
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 63.50)		62.32	62.31	61.68
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		45.71	45.42	36.96

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<u>Weekly Weighted Average</u>	<u>04/25/03</u>	<u>04/25/03</u>	<u>04/28/03</u>
Breast – B/S	148.61	137.76	157.00
Thenderloins	135.57	142.19	184.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	78.89	83.83	86.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	20.91	17.35	20.50
Wings	65.63	66.34	70.00